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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: DIVIDE AND CONQUER

1. IN LATEST INSTANCE OF THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED YUGOSLAV PRACTICE OF DIVIDE AND CONQUER WHICH WE HAVE FREQUENTLY NOTED IN OUR REPORTING, TANJUG CARRIES STATEMENT APPROVING NONALIGNMENT ALLEGEDLY MADE BY AMBASSADOR REED AT BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY IN COLOMBO. FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S USE IN RECENT SPEECHES OF TERM "SO-CALLED NONALIGNMENT" AND TITO'S ATTACK ON EVE OF COLOMBO SUMMIT ON ME FOR PRESSURING YUGOSLAVIA BECAUSE OF ITS NONALIGNED POLICY, THERE OBVIOUS MILEAGE IN CARRYING AMBASSADOR REED'S REPORTED STATEMENT THAT "THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA COMPLETELY ACCEPTS THE ROLE AND CONCEPT OF NONALIGNMENT." HE IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING "WE FULLY RESPECT SRI LANKA'S POLICY OF NONALIGNMENT AND ITS IMPORTANT POSITION AND WORK AS HOST OF THE FIFTH NONALIGNED CONFERENCE...." BELGRADE DAILY BORBA
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AMBASSADOR IN COLOMBO PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE POLICY OF
SRI LANKA." LONGER VERSION APPEARED IN TANJUG'S
SUMMARY OF FOREIGN NEWS CIRCULATED TO YUGOSLAV GOVERN-
MENTAL ELITE.

2. COMMENT: ASSUME YUGOSLAVS UP TO THEIR OLD TRICK
OF SELECTIVE QUOTATION. AS WE UNDERSTAND USG LINE ON
NONALIGNMENT, IT IS TO STRESS THAT WHILE WE HAVE NO
PROBLEM WITH CONCEPT IN PRINCIPLE IN PRACTICE NON-
ALIGNED NOT VERY NONALIGNED--AS COLOMBO MEETING ONCE
AGAIN MOST ELOQUENTLY DEMONSTRATED.
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